## Amendments to the ABSTRACT

-*Please amend the Abstract as indicated below:*

## Abstract

     An encryption apparatus ~~1~~ for performing an encrypting process and an encrypted data decrypting process is mounted to terminate the security by encryption between personal computers ~~7 to 9~~ on which encryption software is installed. For example, by connecting the apparatus between terminals ~~2 to 4~~ and the personal computers ~~7 to 9~~, the encryption can be used in an in-house LAN having the terminals ~~2 to 4~~ on which encryption software cannot be installed. Thus, a secure network ~~10~~ almost free of the risk of tapping of the confidential information in the LAN by an external unauthorized entry or attach can be successfully designed.